

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Brad Tschida, on January 19, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Brad Tschida, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Olivia Effertz, Committee Secretary  
Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:** Hearing- Department of Military Affairs

00:00:37 Chair Tschida

**Department of Military Affairs:**

00:01:08 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a02\)](#)

00:08:11 Chair Tschida

00:08:28 Major General Matt Quinn, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Director's Office:**

00:09:45 Sundi West, Dept Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

00:10:25 Katie Guenther, LFD

00:13:09 Sundi West, DMA

00:16:16 Katie Guenther, LFD

00:17:14 Sundi West, DMA

00:18:17 Chair Tschida

00:18:30 Rep. McCarthy

00:19:01 Sundi West, DMA

00:19:12 Rep. McCarthy

00:19:27 Sundi West, DMA

00:19:42 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division, LFD

00:20:12 Katie Guenther, LFD

00:20:27 Sen. Lang

00:20:38 Sundi West, DMA

00:20:55 Sen. Lang

00:21:03 Sundi West, DMA

00:21:21 Sen. Lang

00:21:19 Sundi West, DMA

00:21:27 Major General Quinn, DMA

00:22:28 Rep. McCarthy

00:22:54 Sundi West, DMA

00:22:57 Rep. McCarthy

00:23:21 Major General Quinn, DMA

00:23:58 Chair Tschida

00:24:11 Katie Guenther, LFD

00:26:36 Chair Tschida

**Montana Youth Challenge Academy:**

00:26:50 Jan Rouse, Director, Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA)

00:31:19 Chair Tschida

00:31:29 Errolyn Lantz, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

00:31:46 Chair Tschida

00:31:52 Rep. McCarthy

00:32:56 Jan Rouse, Director, MYCA

00:33:26 Major General Matt Quinn, DMA

00:34:22 Rep. McCarthy

00:35:06 Vice Chair Moore joined the meeting

00:36:03 Jan Rouse, Director, MYCA

00:36:34 Chair Tschida

00:37:06 Jan Rouse, Director, MYCA  
00:37:40 Rep. McCarthy  
00:38:38 Chair Tschida

**Army National Guard:**

00:39:01 Katie Guenther, LFD  
00:42:52 Brigadier General Jeff Ireland, Montana National Guard (MNG)  
00:50:23 Chair Tschida  
00:50:29 Rep. McCarthy  
00:50:54 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:51:37 Rep. McCarthy  
00:51:55 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:52:20 Chair Tschida  
00:52:45 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:52:48 Chair Tschida  
00:53:04 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:53:28 Chair Tschida  
00:53:37 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:53:48 Sen. Lang  
00:54:05 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG  
00:54:14 Sen. Moore  
00:54:19 Kris Wilkinson, LFD  
00:54:32 Brigadier General Ireland, MNG

**STARBASE Program:**

00:54:49 Katie Guenther, LFD  
00:56:48 Wendy Fechter, Director, STARBASE Program  
00:58:31 Chair Tschida  
00:58:42 Sen. Moore  
00:59:01 Wendy Fechter, STARBASE Program  
00:59:39 Sen. Moore  
00:59:48 Chair Tschida  
01:00:04 Katie Guenther, LFD  
  
01:00:47 Recessed  
01:02:44 Reconvened

**Air National Guard:**

01:03:05 Kate Guenther, LFD  
01:07:56 Chair Tschida  
01:08:00 Sen. Moore  
01:08:08 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:08:16 Sen. Moore  
01:08:27 Chair Tschida  
01:08:33 Brigadier General Brian Fox, Montana Air National Guard (MANG)  
01:16:48 Chair Tschida  
01:16:59 Rep. McCarthy  
01:18:46 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:20:13 Rep. McCarthy  
01:20:43 Katie Guenther, LFD

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01:21:18 Errolyn Lantz, OBPP  
01:21:34 Rep. McCarthy, LFD  
01:21:49 Errolyn Lantz, OBPP  
01:22:10 Chair Tschida  
01:22:42 Brigadier General Fox  
01:22:54 Major Todd Mortag, MANG  
01:23:29 Chair Tschida  
01:23:43 Brigadier General Fox

01:23:58 Recessed  
01:35:34 Reconvened

**Disaster and Emergency Services:**

01:35:54 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:39:47 Chair Tschida  
01:39:54 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES)  
01:45:49 Chair Tschida  
01:45:58 Sen. Moore jointed the meeting  
01:46:03 Sen. McNally  
01:46:22 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:46:46 Chair Tschida  
01:46:52 Rep. McCarthy  
01:47:44 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:48:07 Errolyn Lantz, OBPP  
01:48:26 Rep. McCarthy  
01:49:28 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:49:56 Rep. McCarthy  
01:50:39 Katie Guenther, LFD  
01:51:18 Rep. McCarthy  
01:52:31 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:55:08 Rep. McCarthy  
01:56:22 Chair Tschida  
01:56:27 Rep. Bartel  
01:56:38 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:57:06 Rep. Bartel  
01:57:25 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:57:44 Chair Tschida  
01:58:14 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:58:36 Chair Tschida  
01:58:44 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:58:45 Chair Tschida  
01:59:20 Delila Bruno, DES  
01:59:40 Chair Tschida  
02:00:46 Errolyn Lantz, OBPP  
02:01:42 Chair Tschida

**Veterans Affairs:**

02:02:01 Katie Guenther, LFD  
02:05:25 Chair Tschida  
02:05:34 Rep. McCarthy

02:06:01 Katie Guenther, LFD  
02:06:50 Chair Tschida  
02:06:54 Rep. McCarthy  
02:07:00 Errolyn Lantz, OBPP  
02:07:22 Chair Tschida  
02:07:27 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Division (MVAD)  
02:16:02 Chair Tschida  
02:16:10 Rep. McCarthy  
02:16:32 Joe Foster, MVAD  
02:17:15 Rep. McCarthy  
02:17:41 Joe Foster, MVAD  
02:17:49 Rep. McCarthy  
02:18:56 Chair Tschida  
02:19:05 Sen. Lang  
02:19:12 Joe Foster, MVAD  
02:20:11 Chair Tschida  
02:20:22 Rep. McCarthy  
02:20:44 Katie Guenther, LFD  
02:21:00 Rep. McCarthy  
02:21:21 Chair Tschida

**Public Testimony:**

02:21:56 Mike Clouse, Disabled American Veteran (DAV)  
02:22:38 Roger Hagan, Air and Army National Guard  
02:26:22 Chair Tschida  
02:26:27 Gary White, American Legion of Montana  
02:29:34 Chair Tschida  
02:29:46 Bill Colwell, Fire Chief, Missoula Regional  
02:35:29 Chair Tschida  
02:35:51 Tim Peterson, Valley Vet Service Center (VSC)

**EXHIBIT(jgh14a03)**

02:40:46 Grey Chilcott, Ravalli County  
02:43:29 Chair Tschida  
02:43:34 Mike Warner, Valley Vet Service Center (VSC)  
02:47:55 Chair Tschida  
02:48:07 Mike Clouse, Disabled American Veteran (DAV)

**EXHIBIT(jgh14a04)**

02:58:08 Rep. McCarthy  
02:58:29 Mike Clouse, DAV  
02:59:08 Rep. McCarthy  
02:59:22 Mike Clouse, DAV  
02:59:29 Rep. McCarthy  
03:00:22 Katie Guenther, LFD  
03:00:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD  
03:01:00 Chair Tschida  
03:01:13 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana  
03:02:15 Chair Tschida  
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03:03:23 Major General Quinn, DMA  
03:03:33 Katie Guenther, LFD

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[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh14a09\)](#)

03:04:13 Chair Tschida

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:04:26

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Olivia Effertz, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jgh14aad.pdf](#))